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## **Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes 11/26/2013**

November 26th, 2013

Approved Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Pamela Heidell  
Suzanne Spinney  
Roger DuPont  
Walter Fey  
Christian Klein

Docket #3464, John Lewis of 89 Rhinecliff Road was accompanied by his architect who spoke on his behalf. Mr. Lewis is requesting a special permit to construct a covered porch on the front of his single family dwelling. There was some confusion regarding whether or not the permit was a Variance or a Special Permit application. Ms. Heidell believes that this is a variance not a special permit according to the law and they are going to discuss it as one. The architect argues that the porch is nicer where it is rather than if it was in the back, but it is a concern of the open space law. Ms. Heidell explains that is not so much a porch as it is a dormer and that it cannot extend a certain amount of square footage. Mr. Fey and him go back and forth discussing whether it is a 2nd story addition or not. Ms. Spinney adds that the story was already existing and maybe it is an alteration. After some debate the board decides to vote on the porch alone and was granted a special permit with some conditions. Conditions were: no enclose of size on the porch.

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